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As a citizen of Memphis, I implore you to act in opposition to allowing the Byhalia Oil Pipeline project to proceed. T.O. Fuller State Park is not only a historical and cultural site for Black and Indigenous Tennesseans, but the communities that surround it are valued by the generations of families that worked to secure home ownership in a country that has historically implemented policies that made this all but impossible.

When I first moved to Memphis in 2001, I discovered T.O. Fuller State Park when I planned a visit to the C.H. Nash Museum at Chucalissa, which is designated a National Historic Landmark. I have always found the park and museum to be one of the best greenspaces in Memphis, especially because it was located in a historically Black community. Now, with the proposed pipeline, an area that has already suffered so much industrial contamination will be further endangered by the potential threat of a pipeline breach. There is no point in arguing that pipelines are safe when there is extensive proof that they are not.

The Boxtown community just South of the park has voiced its opposition to this project, and I stand in solidarity with its residents. I do not support the proposed Byhalia Oil Pipeline, and ask that you do not allow this project to destroy this historical community.

Kind Regards,

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